



BY
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EVER INCREASING IS THE FAME OF THE TWO-FISTED CRIME FIGHTER KNOWN ONLY AS **THE SPIRIT**... WORKING FROM A SECRET CRIME LABORATORY DEEP UNDER WILDWOOD CEMETERY WHERE HE WAS MISTAKENLY BURIED, **THE SPIRIT**, IN REALITY DENNY COLT, STALKS CRIMINALS WHO OPERATE BEYOND THE LAW.

THE
HOME
OF
COMMISSIONER
DOLAN

ELLEN, HIS
DAUGHTER,
TALKS
EARNESTLY
TO HER
FIANCEE,
HOMER
CREEP.

ELLEN!! YOU'VE
RETURNED MY
ENGAGEMENT
RING!!

YES, HOMER...
IT..IT'S ALL OFF...
YOU SEE, I'M IN
LOVE WITH **THE
SPIRIT**, EVEN THOUGH
HE DOESN'T KNOW IT...
OH, YOU FEEL BADLY
NOW, BUT YOU'LL FIND
SOMEONE ELSE AND
SOON FORGET ALL
ABOUT THIS..

DISCONSOLATE AND FORLORN,
HOMER LEAVES THE HOUSE

I'M
GOING TO
KILL
MYSELF!

I CAN'T
LIVE
WITHOUT
HER!

STIFF
UPPER
LIP!

YES
YOU CAN
!!

BUT,
GOSH SHE'S
PRETTY,
AND..

AW!

WHAT YOU NEED,
HOMER CREEP, IS
A CHANGE OF
SCENERY....
GO TO A NIGHT
CLUB, FORGET
IT, NO WOMAN
IS WORTH IT!



IN COMMISSIONER DOLAN'S OFFICE, 24 HOURS LATER.

NOW, GO HOME, ELLEN... LIKE A NICE GIRL. I HAVE A POLICE DEPARTMENT TO RUN.

BUT, DADDY... JUST SHOW THIS PICTURE TO YOUR PATROLMEN... THEY'LL FIND POOR HOMER... THE DOORMAN AT THE JIVE CLUB SAID HE WENT OFF WITH A WOMAN.



NOW, ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE A WOMAN, FINNEGAN? SHE'S TURNED HIM DOWN, BUT AT THE SAME TIME SHE DOESN'T WANT ANOTHER WOMAN TO GET HIM!



OH DEAR! I MUST FIND HIM. WHAT IF HE FALLS IN LOVE WITH HER?



"The SPIRIT of '76"

OH, WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF HIM BEFORE? THE SPIRIT WILL HELP ME!

BACK IN DOLAN'S OFFICE

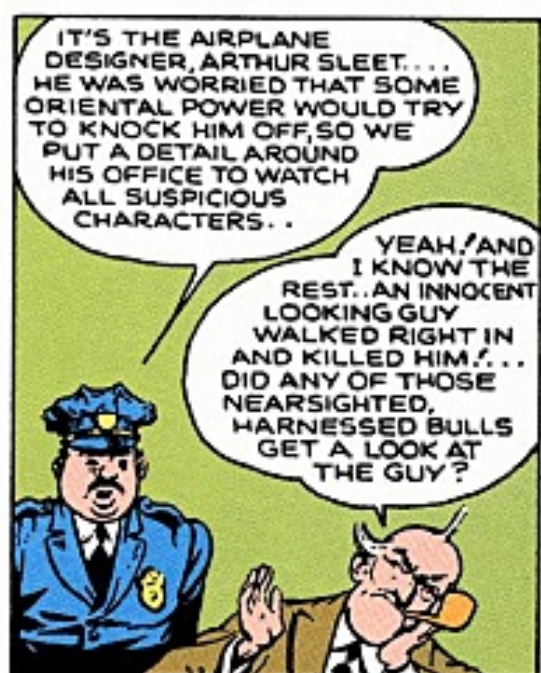
SHE'S JUST LIKE HER MOTHER. SHE COULD HAVE MARRIED A RICH BANKER, BUT NO.. SHE WANTED A COP.. NOW..



... (CLICK) ... COMMISSIONER DOLAN, CAPTAIN O'ROURKE TO SEE YOU ABOUT A NEW MURDER.

SEND HIM IN!

IT'S THE AIRPLANE DESIGNER, ARTHUR SLEET... HE WAS WORRIED THAT SOME ORIENTAL POWER WOULD TRY TO KNOCK HIM OFF, SO WE PUT A DETAIL AROUND HIS OFFICE TO WATCH ALL SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS..



YEAH! AND I KNOW THE REST.. AN INNOCENT GUY WALKED RIGHT IN AND KILLED HIM!.. DID ANY OF THOSE NEARSIGHTED, HARNESSSED BULLS GET A LOOK AT THE GUY?



I DID!! I WAS JUST COMIN' UP TO VISIT SLEET... A GUY GOT ON THE ELEVATOR JUST AS I GOT OFF.. HEY! THAT PICTURE! IT'S HIM!

HIM?

YEAH... BOY, YOU SURE WORK FAST, DOLAN... THAT MAN KILLED ARTHUR SLEET! I'LL SWEAR TO IT!



AT THE SPIRIT'S HIDEAWAY UNDER WILDWOOD.

HELLO! ANYBODY HOME?

ELLEN DOLAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?.. AND HOW DID YOU KNOW..?





THUS, DISGUISED AS AN OLD MAN THE SPIRIT APPEARS AT THE DOOR OF THE OLD MANSION IN THE SECLUDED VALLEY



INSIDE THE HOUSE..



DOWNSTAIRS THE OLD BEGGAR SUDDENLY STRAIGHTENS AND SWINGS INTO ACTION





